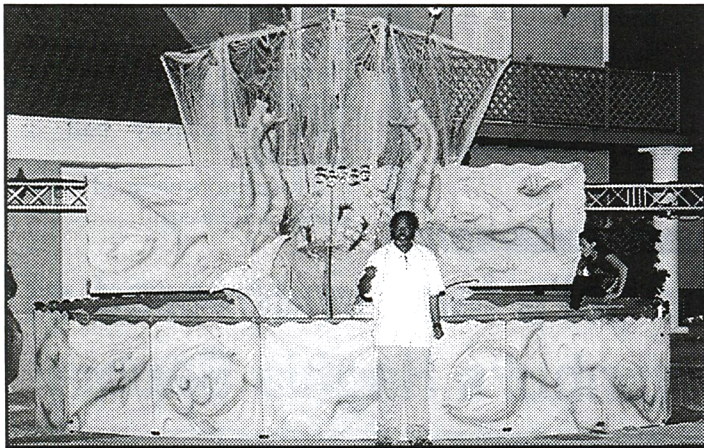


Princess Margriet of The Netherlands on island for official opening of Aruba's Archaeological Museum this Sunday; a week of festivities will follow



Preparations for the official opening of Aruba's Archaeological Museum is in full swing as the organizing committee is getting ready to welcome Princess Margriet of The Netherlands with her husband Professor Pieter van Vollehoven this coming Sunday, July 26.

The lively party will start at 6:00 p.m. to finish at 10:00 p.m. with the princess effecting the official opening. Organizers have prepared a complete program with mu-

sic, dance and song to entertain the community which is invited for this grand occasion.

But the fun does not end there as the following week the museum will continue with the festivities by providing workshops, seminars and the presentation of a book and educational programs.

On Monday, July 27, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. the museum will hold a vacation program for youngsters among the ages of 10 and 14.

The topic will be the exposition Rancho, the first temporary exhibit of the new museum in honor of the neighborhood they are now in. The youngsters will learn about the riches, challenges and potentials of one of the island's oldest neighborhoods. This same day starting at 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. the Kingdom Debate will take place.

On Tuesday, July 28, in the morning Aruba's national Archaeological Museum offers a workshop combined with science and art titled "Art in the Past and Present." Dr. Marlene Linville, archaeologist from New York together with artist Marian Abath will give an insight into the creative minds of the Amerindians by making glass beads. In the afternoon, starting at 2:00 p.m. the workshop "Lord Cultural Resources" and "Xibitz International," which is about the creations of expositions will take place. Starting at 7:00 p.m. the Café

Cultural will kick off with a presentation by Aruban archaeologist drs. Harold Kelly and an innovative musical presentation called recycling by Datapanik's Jair Britten.

On Wednesday, July 29, the book "Toen Indianen op Aruba Woonden" (when Indians lived on Aruba) will be presented in the morning focused towards youngsters between the ages of five and nine. Author Dr. Aad Versteeg and illustrator Ria Arrindell will execute this lively program starting at 9:00 a.m. In At 7:00 p.m. Café Cultural will hold a quiz with the topic '2011-1636=375' anticipating that in 2011 it will be 375 years that Aruba is part of the Dutch Kingdom. During the evening the edition of 'Ceque' a scientific journal of the museum will be presented. Author of the first article to appear, drs. Eduard Drescher will give an introduction on the topic followed by a quiz where all can participate. Divi Resorts will provide the

snacks.

On Thursday, July 30, the museum will host author Aad Versteeg, who will talk about his recent visit to Surinam, where a majestic site of rock paintings was discovered. This talk starts at noon and there will be a Surinamese buffet. At 7:00 p.m. the exposition Rancho will open and Café Cultural will present music, poetry and storytelling by the neighborhoods personalities. Que Pasa will provide delectable delights.

On Friday, July 31, is the last chance to partake in the glass bead workshop starting at 9:00 a.m.

All these activities are sponsored by UNOCA, Cede Aruba, Samenwerkende Fondsen voor Nederlandse Antillen en Aruba and the Prins Bernhard Cultuurfonds.

Everybody is invited to partake in the activities. For more information and registration contact the museum at tel. 582-8979 or email at archo@setarnet.aw